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May 7, 1963

Mrs. Wesley Flatt, Jr.
P. O. Box 515
Cookeville, Tennessee

Dear Mary:

We were all deeply moved yesterday at your decision to be baptized. I thoroughly enjoyed our conversation of last Saturday and felt that I could appreciate your thoughts about these matters. Any time a person as intelligent and sensible as you are will devote themselves to matters of this importance, they can usually come up with the right decision.

All of the members at Broad Street join me in welcoming you into our fellowship and work. You have a sense of devotion that is badly needed within our group and will be deeply appreciated by all who come to know it. I do wish to encourage you to attend all of the services of the church, Hebrews 10:25, especially will you find the Bible classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening beneficial and, I hope, challenging. It is, of course, from the Bible that you will gain the strength and exultation needed to shape your life into harmony with God's will, II Tim. 2:15. No christian can truly grow or become thoroughly stable without the exercise of prayer, I Thess. 5:17. It is my feeling that these are matters that are fundamental to the rest of the christian's life.

Enclosed you will find a baptismal certificate which is nothing more than a record of when and where you were baptized. Again let me say that we are deeply thankful for your willingness to submit to Christ and your deep conviction of belief in God.

Your brother in Christ,

John Allen Chalk

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